

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 52-56 to read as follows:

1       1. (Previously Amended) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles, comprising:

3           a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight percent; and  
4           at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
5           in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon  
6           oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the  
7           hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than  
8           32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1       2. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, wherein the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil is 67.8  
3 cSt at 40° C.

1       3.(Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, wherein the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil at  
3 240°C.

1       4. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the

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2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, wherein the copolymer a triblock copolymer with  
3 about 30 weight percent of polystyrene end blocks and about 70 weight percent of a poly(ethylene-  
4 butylene) mid block.

1 5. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon oil is 83.8 weight percent  
3 and the at least one copolymer is 16.2 weight percent of the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the  
4 at least one copolymer.

1 6. (Previously Amended) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles, comprising:

3 a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent; and  
4 at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
5 in a proportion of from 12 to 27 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the  
6 weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and  
7 the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
8 the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1 7. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 6, wherein the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil is 67.8  
3 cSt at 40° C.

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1       8. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 6, wherein the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil is at  
3 240°C.

1       9. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 6, wherein the copolymer is a triblock copolymer with  
3 about 30 weight percent of polystyrene end blocks and about 70 weight percent of a poly (ethylene-  
4 butylene) mid block.

10-14. (Canceled)

1       15. (Previously Amended) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles, consisting essentially of:

3       a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent; and  
4       at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
5       in a proportion of from 12 to 27 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the  
6       weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and  
7       the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
      the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

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1       16. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition as set forth  
2       in claim 15, wherein the hydrocarbon oil is 83.8 weight percent and the at least one copolymer is  
3       16.2 weight percent of the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer.

17-20. (Canceled)

1       21. (Previously Amended) A free standing candle, comprising:  
2       a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight percent; and  
3       at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
4       in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon  
5       oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the  
6       hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than  
7       32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C, the candle  
8       maintaining a free standing condition even when the candle is lit by means of a flame produced as  
9       consequence of the combustion of a candlewick that extends through the candle and projects toward  
10      outside an end of the candle.

1       22. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, wherein the  
2       candlewick is a cotton string imbibed in an alcoholic solution of vegetal resin.

1       23. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, wherein the

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2 candlewick is firmly retained in a passing hole, the passing hole is produced in the candle when the  
3 mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the copolymer is at room temperature, and the passing hole  
4 extends through the candle in longitudinal correspondence to an axis of symmetry extending from  
5 a lower base of the candle.

1 24. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, wherein the  
2 candle is formed by union of a plurality of different minor portions, each of the minor portions being  
3 individually formed of the hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight  
4 percent and the at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock  
5 polymers in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 weight percent, the weight percent of the  
6 hydrocarbon oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to the mixture  
7 of the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being  
8 greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1 25. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2 coloring essences in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3 copolymer.

1 26.(Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2 aromatic fragrances in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3 copolymer.

1           27. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2           air bubbles in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the  
3           air bubbles being distributed through the candle formed by the mixture.

1           28. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2           decorative elements, the decorative elements being provided in the mixture forming the  
3           candle so as to be visible from outside of the candle.

1           29. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 28, wherein the  
2           decorative elements are arranged in the candle so as to be placed outside a portion of the candle  
3           adjacent to the candlewick.

1           30. (Previously Amended) The candle as set forth in claim 21, wherein the hydrocarbon oil  
2           is 83.8 weight percent and the at least one copolymer is 16.2 weight percent of the mixture including  
3           the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer.

1           31. (Previously Amended) A free standing candle, comprising:  
2           a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent; and  
3           at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
4           in a proportion of from 12 to 27 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the

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5 weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and  
6 the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
7 the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C, the candle maintaining a free  
8 standing condition even when the candle is lit by means of a flame produced as consequence of the  
9 combustion around a candlewick borne by the candle.

1 32. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, wherein the  
2 candlewick is a cotton string imbibed in an alcoholic solution of vegetal resin.

1 33. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, wherein the  
2 candlewick is firmly retained in a passing hole, the passing hole is produced in the candle when the  
3 mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the copolymer is at room temperature, and the passing hole  
4 extends through the candle in longitudinal correspondence to an axis of symmetry extending from  
5 a lower base of the candle.

1 34. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, wherein the  
2 candle is formed by union of a plurality of different minor portions, each of the minor portions being  
3 individually formed of the hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent and  
4 the at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers in a  
5 proportion of from 12 to 27 weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the weight  
6 percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the

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7 at least one copolymer, the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
8 the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1 35. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2 coloring essences in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3 copolymer.

1 36. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2 aromatic fragrances in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3 copolymer.

1 37. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2 air bubbles in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the  
3 air bubbles being distributed through the candle formed by the mixture.

1 38. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2 decorative elements, the decorative elements being provided in the mixture forming the  
3 candle so as to be visible from outside of the candle.

1 39. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 38, wherein the  
2 decorative elements are arranged in the candle so as to be placed outside a portion of the candle

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3 adjacent to the candlewick.

40. (Canceled)

1 41. (Withdrawn) A process of manufacturing a transparent, elastic and free standing candle  
2 body, comprising the steps of:

3 preparing a mixture comprising a hydrocarbon oil and at least one copolymer selected from  
4 the group consisting of triblock polymers and diblock polymers, wherein said hydrocarbon oil is in  
5 a proportion from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil is greater  
6 than 32 cSt at 40°C, and a flash point of the hydrocarbon oil is greater than 220°C, and said at least  
7 one copolymer is in a proportion from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent;

8 stirring the mixture to make the mixture transparent;

9 pouring the mixture in a mold;

10 cooling the mixture in the mold to produce a candle body; and

11 demolding the candle body from the mold to obtain a transparent, elastic and free standing  
12 candle body.

1 42. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil is  
2 67.8 cSt at 40° C.

1 43. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil is

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2 at 240 °C.

1 44. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein the copolymer is a triblock copolymer  
2 of "Kraton® G 1652".

1 45. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein said hydrocarbon oil is 83.8 weight  
2 percent and said at least one copolymer is 16.2 weight percent of the mixture.

1 46. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein the stirring step is conducted at a  
2 temperature ranging from 80 °C to 160 °C.

1 47. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein the temperature of the mixture at the  
2 pouring step is in the range from 150 °C to 160 °C to provide the clear and transparent candle body.

1 48. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, wherein the temperature of the mixture at the  
2 pouring step is in the range from 100 °C to 120 °C to provide the candle body having air bubbles.

1 49. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 41, further comprising the step of:  
2 before the cooling step, placing a decorative element in the mold.

1 50. (Previously added) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition, comprising:

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2 a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight percent; and  
3 at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
4 in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon  
5 oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the  
6 hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than  
7 32cSt at 40°C, with said hydrocarbon oil and said copolymer combined to provide an elastic mass  
8 that remains free standing while bearing a flame from combustion of said elastic mass.

1 51. (Previously added) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition of claim 50,  
2 wherein a flash point of the hydrocarbon oil is greater than 220°C.

1 52. (New) A candle, comprising:  
2 a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion from about 73 to about 88 weight percent, said hydrocarbon  
3 oil being liquid within a temperature range between 0 °C and 200 °C, said hydrocarbon oil having  
4 a density at 20 °C of not less than 0.88 kg/L, said hydrocarbon oil being transparent, said  
5 hydrocarbon oil having a viscosity of not less than 32 cSt at 40 °C, said hydrocarbon oil having a  
6 flash point of not less than 220 °C; and  
7 at least one copolymer selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymer and diblock  
8 copolymer, said copolymer in a proportion from about 12 to about 27 weight percent,  
9 said candle being elastic and transparent, said candle maintaining a free standing condition  
10 even when the candle is lit.

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1       53. (New) A candle, comprising:

2       a candle body comprising:

3            a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion from about 73 to about 88 weight percent; and  
4            at least one copolymer selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymer and  
5            diblock copolymer, said copolymer in a proportion from about 12 to about 27 weight percent,  
6            said candle body being elastic and transparent, said candle maintaining a free standing  
7            condition even when the candle is lit; and

8       a wick placed in said candle body,

9       said candle being without a container for holding said candle when the candle is lit.

1       54. (New) A candle, comprising:

2       a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion from about 73 to about 88 weight percent; and  
3       a triblock copolymer with about 30 weight percent of polystyrene end block and about 70  
4       weight percent of a poly(ethylene-butylene)mid block, said copolymer having a tensile strength of  
5       about 4,500 psi, an elongation at break of about 500 percent, modulus at 300 percent extension of  
6       about 700 psi,

7            said candle being elastic and transparent, said candle maintaining a free standing condition  
8            even when the candle is lit.

1       55. (New) A candle, comprising:

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2 a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion from about 73 to about 88 weight percent, said hydrocarbon  
3 oil having a feature of remaining liquid within a temperature range between 0 °C and 200 °C, said  
4 hydrocarbon being transparent, said hydrocarbon having a viscosity of 67.8 cSt at 40 °C, said  
5 hydrocarbon having a flash point of 240 °C; and

6 at least one copolymer selected from the group consisting of triblock copolymer and diblock  
7 copolymer, said copolymer in a proportion from about 12 to about 27 weight percent,

8 said candle being elastic and transparent, said candle maintaining a free standing condition  
9 even when the candle is lit.

1 56. (New) The candle of claim 55, wherein said hydrocarbon oil is in a proportion from about  
2 83.8 weight percent and said hydrocarbon has a viscosity of 67.8 cSt at 40 °C and a flash point of  
3 240 °C, and said copolymer is in a proportion from about 16.2 weight percent.